



Historical Commission
Fitchburg City Hall - 718 Main Street - Fitchburg, MA 01420

Minutes

6:00 PM Thursday August 25, 2016

Meeting at Fitchburg Wallace Library, 610 Main Street, 2nd floor meeting room

Members of FHC present: Sam Blair, Don Ostrowski, Susan Roetzer, Steve Twining

Non-members of FHC present: Steven Cook, Mark Dohen

Member of FHC absent: Keith Chenot, Charles Sternaimolo, Ellen di Geronimo

1. Steven Cook and Mark Dohen described the plan to build 40 units of artists housing at the B. F. Brown school, 66 Academy St. The preliminary plan calls for converting the gymnasium to housing but leaving preserving the auditorium as open space. The windows of the building will remain the same. The term “artists” is yet to be defined but will probably be in the broadest possible sense. They also discussed plans to purchase the Annex and Staples. The board voted unanimously in favor of supporting the plan as described.
2. Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2016 approved with minor corrections.
3. *Update on plans to renovate City Hall.* Nothing to report.
4. *Saving the building at 1089 Franklin Street follow-up.* No new information. Need to contact the Planning Department
5. *Public presentation October 19th for Monument Park Historic District.* The date of the presentation has been changed to Tuesday, May 23, 2017. See Ellen’s letter.
6. *Progress on updating the FHC Web Site (including current list of commission board members).* All current members of the commission are now listed except for Ellen Di Geronimo, but the e-mail link still does not work.